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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING
PRESIDENT MACHEL TO US

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1. DURING PRESIDENT MACHEL'S OCTOBER 2 TO 5 VISIT TO
NEW YORK, HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DELEGATION OF APPROXI-
MATELY FIFTY PEOPLE. INCLUDED AMONG THIS DELEGATION ARE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOAQUIM CHISSANO, PRESIDENTIAL
AIDES SERGIO VIEIRA AND LUIS BERNARDO HONWANA, MINISTER OF
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MARIO MUCHUNGO, MOZAMBIQUE'S NATIONAL
DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION JOAO COSME (NUMBER TWO IN
MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT) AND THE NATIONAL DIRECTORS (EQUIVALENT
TO PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES) IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE,
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. THE MOZAMBIicans HAVE EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN
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HOLDING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS ON
POSSIBLE AID PROJECTS AND WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN ON
POSSIBLE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE. (APPOINT-
MENTS FOR PRESIDENT MACHEL AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO ARE
BEING WORKED OUT SEPARATELY.) FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS
FOR POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS WITH VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS:
A. AID: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT MEETING BETWEEN SENIOR USAID OFFICIALS

AND MOZAMBIQUE'S NATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION JOAO COSME AND THE NATIONAL DIRECTORS IN AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS WOULD BE EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL. MEETING WOULD GIVE AID OFFICIALS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH TOP MOZAMBIQUE OFFICIALS ABOUT MOZAMBIQUE'S DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND TO DISCUSS WAYS IN WHICH U.S. MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO MOZAMBIQUE'S DEVELOPMENT GOALS. WE BELIEVE AID/AFRICA ADMINISTRATOR GOLER BUTCHER AND/OR HAVEN NORTH MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE HOST FOR SUCH MEETING. MOZAMBIQUE OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON TO TALK WITH AID OFFICIALS IF A NEW YORK MEETING IS NOT POSSIBLE.

B. AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: DEPARTMENT MIGHT CONSIDER

ARRANGING MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MACHUNGO (AND WITH ONE OR TWO OF HIS AIDES) WITH INTERESTED OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF NEW YORK- BASED AFRICA--AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER MAY KNOW OF AND WISH TO PUT MOZAMBICANS IN CONTACT WITH AMERICANS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MOZAMBIQUE.

C. AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE: AAI HAS HAD LONG ASSOCIATION WITH FRELIMO LEADERS AND SINCE MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN TRYING TO PROMOTE AID-FUNDED PORTUGUESE-AFRICAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. AAI PRESIDENT WILLIAM COTTER AND VICE PRESIDENT FRANK FERRARI HAVE BEEN REGULAR VISITORS TO MOZAMBIQUE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO NOTIFY AAI OFFICIALS THAT MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION PLANNING TO VISIT NEW YORK AND ASK THEM IF THEY WISH
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TO EXTEND HOSPITALITY OR MEET WITH MEMBERS OF MOZAMBIQUE PARTY.

D. EXPORT--IMPORT BANK: EXPORT-IMPORT BANK HAS EXTENDED ITS FACILITIES TO MOZAMBIQUE IN PAST AND HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BEING HELPFUL TO MOZAMBIQUE IN THE FUTURE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER MACHUNGO AND APPROPRIATE OFFICERS AT EXPORT-IMPORT BANK. MEETINGS BETWEEN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OFFICIALS COULD TAKE PLACE SEPARATELY OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH MEETINGS WITH AID OFFICIALS.

3. VISIT OF PRESIDENT MACHEL AND MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION TO NEW YORK IS GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO INITIATE TALKS WITH MOZAMBICANS ON SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. OVER PAST FEW MONTHS, PRESIDENT MACHEL AND MOZAMBICAN OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT MOZAMBIQUE MAY BE READY TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE WEST. EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TEST THE WATERS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENTS, USAID, OR USAID'S REACTIONS TO EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS. MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY BE AMENABLE TO ALMOST ANY SUGGESTIONS WE MIGHT WISH TO MAKE ON HOW THEIR TIME IN U.S. COULD MOST USEFULLY BE SPENT.

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